



## TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PARKING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, October 3, 2007 - 7:00 pm

San Bruno City Hall  
567 El Camino Real  
San Bruno, CA 94066

## MINUTES

### 1. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS -

#### A. ROLL CALL

<u>TSPC Members:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
(Acting Chair) Mark Howard	X	
Sol Weiner	X	
Doris Maez	X	
Eric Wood	X	

#### Staff in Attendance:

Steve Davis, Public Works Department  
Frans Lind, Public Works Department  
Matt Campi, Police Department

Public in Attendance Total: 3

### 2. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Mark Howard asked if City staff had received a letter of resignation from former Committee member John Giuseponi. Steve Davis responded that the letter has been received and the Council has directed the City Clerk to advertise the vacancy. Mark Howard commented that there should be two additional items on the agenda: Item 6, Communication from Committee Members and Item 7, Communication from Staff prior to adjournment.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (ITEM 5 ON THE AGENDA)

None

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the September 5, 2007 minutes was made by Sol Weiner, second by Mark Howard (M/Weiner, S/Howard: 4-0-0) Approved.

### 5. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Consideration of New Red Curb, No Parking Zone or No Right on Red on Bayhill Drive at El Camino Real

Frans Lind stated a request was received by a business owner who was concerned that food vendors are parking along the curbside zone at this location and blocking the visibility of motorists on Bayhill Drive to approaching traffic from the north on El Camino Real. City staff performed a study of the location and found there was a food vendor truck parked about 20 feet from the Kaiser Medical Center driveway. Staff found that the existing clear sight available in the number 2 right turn lane on Bayhill Drive exiting onto El Camino Real, which allows the driver to turn left across the median or turn right, was about 190 feet. According to speed charts, the required clear site distance for this intersection is 250 feet and the speed limit on El Camino Real at the approach is 35 mph. The accident rate showed eight accidents at this location and it is believed that the clear site issue may have had something to do with the accidents. Bayhill Drive has both left and right turn options at this location and for about every 15 vehicles only 1 is turning right. This clear site obstruction is interfering with the vehicles attempting to make this right turn safely.

There are three options to consider with this issue:

1. Delete four existing parking spaces on El Camino Real as shown on Attachment 2. When the vendor truck is not present, hardly anyone parks at this location.
2. Consider a "No Right Turn on Red" designation at this intersection location. This would require Caltrans approval.
3. Do nothing.

This is not an issue only for the food vendor trucks, but for any vehicle that parks at this location.

Doris Maez commented that the taco trucks also park on Bayhill on the other side of Kaiser. This is just as bad as the El Camino location. Steve Davis stated that this issue would be addressed with the proposed red curbing, but the issue being addressed tonight is the visibility issue on El Camino Real. One option could be to limit parking on both sides of the driveway.

Mark Howard asked if there was a bus stop near this location. Frans Lind responded that there is not a bus stop at this location, but there is a 2-hour parking limit sign. Mark Howard asked about creating right turn lanes at this location, due to the widening of the road and risk of drivers trying to pass other vehicles on the right. There would need to be some lane designation to make passing illegal. One could go into the driveway at Kaiser and one going onto Bayhill Drive. Frans responded that the City would need to get permission from Caltrans to do this.

Steve Davis stated there were recent changes to City Code that states food vendors are required to move every two hours and at least 100 feet. The Police Department is actively enforcing this.

Doris Maez asked if the food vendors would be able to move from one side of the Kaiser building to the other. Steve Davis stated this would not be sufficient distance based on the new regulations. Doris Maez stated if we put no parking on the south side of the Kaiser driveway, they could park two hours. Steve confirmed this.

Mark Howard asked about making the spaces 20 minute parking or a drop off zone. Frans responded that there would still be a sight distance problem if a vehicle parks there.

Doris Maez asked if there is a time limit on the new regulations. Steve Davis responded he was not sure.

Mark Howard confirmed the location being addressed is the area between the driveway and Bayhill, but does not address the three parking spaces north of the Kaiser driveway. Frans stated the three additional parking spaces were reviewed by staff but not included in this assessment.

Steve Davis stated that clear sight distance is dictated by the critical speed, so this is within the purview of the TSPC to look at driver safety at Bayhill and we could review the clear site at this location as well.

Mark Howard made a motion to approve the staff recommendation to eliminate the four curb side parking spaces along El Camino, extending the existing 35 linear feet of red curbing 65 feet, and eliminating the spaces along the Kaiser driveway and Bayhill on El Camino; contact Caltrans about installation of turn pockets for southbound traffic to westbound Bayhill; and reevaluate the existing 2 hour parking to the north of the Kaiser driveway after this red curbing is implemented to see if the clear site issue has improved. Mark Howard also recommended gathering the number of accidents for vehicles coming out of the Kaiser lot.

Eric Wood confirmed that there is another exit from the Kaiser parking lot.

There was no public comment on this issue.

Motion to approve as noted above was made by Mark Howard, second by Doris Maez (M/Howard, S/Maez: 4-0-0) Approved.

**B. Consideration of New Red Curb, No Parking Zone along Huntington Avenue at Euclid Avenue Intersection**

This study was initiated by City of San Bruno Officer Wong, due to the concern for large vehicles parking on the west side of Huntington Avenue north of Euclid Avenue and blocking the view of oncoming traffic from southbound Huntington to eastbound Euclid Avenue. Request was to make the northwest corner of Huntington a no parking zone for 30 feet or more. Frans Lind stated that in response to Officer Wong's report, staff prepared a field study that show there have been bulb outs constructed at the intersection to allow Euclid traffic to have better clear site visibility. Frans stated he received a comment from a resident yesterday that they felt the elimination of parking was not warranted, and a phone call from another resident that supports the installation of the red curbing.

Staff study showed there are three parking spaces that would be affected. Huntington is two lanes in each direction separated by a median and Euclid is a two way street. A required clear site distance is 200 feet and the speed limit on Huntington is 30 mph and the critical speed based on our last speed study was 31 mph. There have been four collisions at the intersection of Huntington and Euclid within the last year and two of them were in the months of April and May. Three were non-injury and one was a hit and run. Staff is also considering a height limitation ordinance to be recommended with this issue. Staff is recommending the parking space nearest the intersection on Euclid be painted red and it is possible to recommend a height limitation for the additional two spaces to improve visibility.

Eric Wood asked if there is parking on the other side of the street. Residents will be shuffled from this location to another location. Mark Howard responded there is not parking on the other side of the street.

Mark Howard asked how wide the lanes are. Frans responded that from the face of the curb to the centerline is 20 feet and then 12 feet to the median. Steve Davis responded that we could gather data on the exact measurements. Mark Howard asked if we could look at opening up parking spaces across the street on Huntington, as there may be a demand for more parking spaces. That may assist with traffic calming as well.

Doris Maez asked if we are removing parking from any single-family homes. Frans confirmed there are single-family homes to the southeast of the intersection.

Eric Wood would like to see the height restriction enforced. Mark Howard commented that it is more the width of a vehicle that makes visibility hard than the height.

Mark Howard made a motion to come back to this issue after reviewing the issue of opening up additional parking before red curbing this location. Sol Weiner felt this may complicate the issue we are

trying to clear up. Sol Weiner asked if Frans can get the parking information back to the Committee by the next meeting. Frans confirmed this.

Doris Maez made a motion to red curb the first parking spot next to Euclid and to leave the additional two spots unchanged. Eric Wood seconded the motion. (M/Maez, S/ Wood: 4-0-0) Approved.

**C. Consideration of New Red Curb, No Parking Zone along San Bruno Avenue at Mills Avenue**

Frans Lind introduced this issue and stated Mills Avenue is currently a one-way street that is 20 feet wide. There is heavy demand for parking along Mills Avenue as well as San Bruno Avenue. San Bruno Officer Brandenburg recommended red curbing to the approach direction eastbound on San Bruno Avenue due to accident history. There are approximately three parking spaces that would be replaced by red curbing. Staff analysis did show that there is poor visibility at this location, partially due to Mills Avenue being one-way.

Frans stated the three parking spaces adjacent to the tire shop are the recommended red curbing locations. There is a parking space immediately to the west of the driveway into the tire shop that will be retained. There are a number of large vehicles that travel on Mills Avenue and the visibility is very poor. He received three phone calls from three residents that were involved in accidents at this location. There were no accidents noted by the City at this location.

Doris Maez asked if parking is permitted on the east side of Mills. Frans confirmed parking is permitted at this location. There is parking on both sides of Mills Avenue. Doris commented that the tire shop will probably start parking vehicles in residential parking down the street and then that will be affected.

Steve Davis stated the real issue is safety versus parking demand, so the City staff tries to show what the safest solution would be.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED**

Don Dilworth, General Manager of Skylawn Funeral Home at 200 West San Bruno Avenue, wanted to state that the last time we had an issue with parking on San Bruno Avenue a diagram was given to residents regarding the location and that would be helpful for future issues. Parking is an issue on San Bruno Avenue, including in front of our business. The Police Department has been very helpful in getting parking enforced, but any parking you take away will affect our business. He has seen a couple of accidents at the noted intersection, but many intersections in the area are set up the same way. Take a long look at taking any parking away. Mark Howard asked if opening up parking on Huntington would help. Mr. Dilworth stated any parking would be welcome.

Marty Lambaugh, owner of Hanlon's Tire Shop, stated if you take the three parking spaces in front of his shop it will negatively affect his business as well as having customers parking farther down the street. Hanlon's paid for the yellow zone in front for deliveries. If customers can't park by his business, he will start losing customers. Mark Howard asked if it would work taking 6 feet out by the crosswalk. Mr. Lambaugh responded that would take 1 parking space. Mark Howard asked what compromise would work for his business. Mr. Lambaugh recommended a stop sign at the intersection. Crossing the street at that intersection is very dangerous.

Doris Maez asked what the required clear site is noted on the diagram. Frans Lind responded that the number is quoted from the MTC to solve the site distance problem. Steve Davis stated this is not an absolute and many intersections in San Bruno do not have clear site distance. City staff has reviewed accident history at this location and we are trying to balance safety and usage.

Marty Lambaugh stated he can guarantee that his business will never park a truck there to block visibility. Can't we try this for six months and see if it improves? Mark Howard commented that Mills is a very narrow street leading to a blind intersection with businesses blocking views. The issue is not about parking but about clear site distance.

Steve Davis stated the City staff can go back and confirm accident information. Commander Campi could check this. The downside would be that another month would go by.

Eric Wood made the recommendation to table the issue for one month while City staff gathers more information. Mark Howard seconded the motion. (M/Wood, S/ Howard: 4-0-0) Approved.

**D. Consideration of New Red Curb No Parking Zone at 788 Mills Avenue**

Frans Lind introduced the request by Antonio Castano, 788 Mills, for red curbing along the edges of the driveway of the apartment complex he lives at. This request is for 1 foot on each side, but staff is recommending 3 feet on each side of the driveway approach. This would not create any loss of parking.

Doris Maez asked if we could just give him two so it doesn't affect the next driveway to the south.

Mark Howard asked if City staff will be doing the work. Frans confirmed this. Organizing the parking spaces with T's and L's will make the parking more efficient.

Eric Wood made a motion for 2 feet of red curbing on the south side of 788 Mills Avenue and not do red curbing on the north side of 788 and do the parking T's and do the 2 feet of red curbing of the south side of the next driveway to the south. Mark Howard seconded the motion. (M/Wood, S/ Howard: 4-0-0) Approved.

**6. REPORT OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

- A. Doris Maez stated they are still working on the path of honor to the VA Clinic and there is going to be a bike rodeo at Rollingwood School.

**7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

None

**8. COMMENTS FROM STAFF**

Steve Davis introduced the information regarding Measure F and wanted all Board and Committee members to be familiar with the information so they can answer questions from the public.

The Public Works Director position has been advertised, so there will be changes to this position. The traffic calming project is also moving forward as supplies are received.

Commander Campi stated there has been written communication with the airport regarding the limousine parking issue and City staff is moving forward with a resolution.

**9. ADJOURNMENT –**

Motion: To adjourn the Traffic Safety and Parking Committee (TSPC) meeting until it's next regular scheduled meeting on November 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

(M/Howard, S/Maez): 4-0-0 - Approved. Meeting Adjourned, 9 pm.